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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION FOR EASTERN SLAVONIA, BARANJA AND WESTERN SIRMIUM

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 168 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/50/796/Add.2.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 59th and resumed 64th meetings, on 10 May and 3 June 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.59 and 64).

3. The Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1 and A/50/909) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/50/903/Add.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/50/L.57

4. At the resumed 64th meeting, on 3 June, the Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium" (A/C.5/50/L.57), which had been submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.57 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 1037 (1996) of 15 January 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium for an initial period of twelve months,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Transitional Administration,

Recognizing that the costs of the Transitional Administration are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Transitional Administration, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

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1/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1 and A/50/909.

2/ A/50/903/Add.1.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Transitional Administration with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium in full and on time;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Transitional Administration is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to appropriate an amount of 94,269,700 United States dollars gross (93,073,300 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Transitional Administration for the period from 15 January to 30 June 1996, inclusive of the amount of 29,500,000 dollars gross (29,037,100 dollars net) authorized for the period from 15 January to 31 May 1996 under the provisions of General Assembly decision 50/481, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Transitional Administration in accordance with paragraph 46 of his report; 3/

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 29,500,000 dollars gross (29,037,100 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly decision 50/481, to apportion an additional amount of 64,769,700 dollars gross (64,036,200 dollars net) for the period from 15 January to 30 June 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996, and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996 as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/451 A of 22 December 1995;

3/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1.

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 733,500 dollars approved for the period from 15 January to 30 June 1996;

9. Notes the Secretary-General's cost estimate in the amount of 284,776,500 dollars gross (275,350,500 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

10. Decides to appropriate the amount of 140,484,350 dollars gross (136,087,550 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996, inclusive of the amount of 3,440,050 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 23,414,100 dollars gross (22,681,300 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

11. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 4,396,800 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the Transitional Administration in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium".